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OREGON WEATHER

Generally fair today; westerly winds.

GRANGERS TALK SUGAR BEETS.

The sugar beet came in for a whole lot of discussion at the meeting of the Pomona grange held at Fruitdale Saturday. F. S. Bramwell, representing the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, was present at the invitation of the grange members, and explained the plan under which the factory would be built in the valley. Superintendent Reimer, of the southern Oregon experiment station, spoke of the agricultural side of the question, and showed that the experiments made at the station, and by individuals, had demonstrated fully the adaptability of the district to beet culture. He was insistent, however, upon the matter of irrigation, and dwelt at some length on the necessity for water if the crop was to be made a success. L. M. Mitchell, master of the Murphy grange, made a rousing argument in favor of the sugar beet industry, and detailed conditions in Colorado, where he had lived in a beet growing district. The large crowd present was all thoroughly alive to the issue, and the grange is getting into the acreage campaign in a way that can mean nothing short of success. Each of the granges represented in the Pomona will hold a general meeting at the call of the master, and the residents of that community will be gotten together to meet with the agents of the company and get prompt action in the signing up of acreage. Since the most favorable sentiment shown at the Pomona, and the hearty co-operation that is manifest all along the line, the prospect for a successful and a speedy finish to the campaign is most bright.

FINANCING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The annual school meeting of the Grants Pass district is to be held during the coming month for the purpose of levying a special tax to provide funds for the next school year. The budget of the district shows that it will cost a total of \$36,740 to educate the youth of the district during the year. Of this amount \$23,025 will go toward the teachers' salaries. Janitors will get \$1,950, and \$1,500 is appropriated for janitors' supplies. For interest on bonds \$4,315 is provided, and \$2,700 is set aside toward the sinking fund for the eventual retirement of the bonds. The balance of the levy covers such items as fuel, transportation of pupils, library books, light, postage, clerk's salary, etc.

Those experimenters with sugar beets during the past season who have not grown any of the monsters that they see on display must not be discouraged, for the monster is not the desirable beet. It only proves that conditions for the growth of the beet here are right, and that the grower will get big tonnage, though not all the beets will be 14-pounders. In fact, the most desirable beet, according to the experts, is rather small as compared with these giants. Beets that average only 2 1/2 pounds will return a yield of about 20 tons per acre. If all the beets of a full stand weighed 14 pounds there would be more than a hundred tons on the acre.

WINE MAKERS OF CALIFORNIA SEEK ATTORNEY'S ADVICE

Washington, Oct. 30.—The attorney general will be asked soon for an opinion as to whether brandy and wine spirits used in the manufacture of American wine shall pay a tax of \$1.10 a gallon after December. The fate of the California industry is declared to hinge on the decision. The internal revenue solicitor has been asked for an opinion, but because of the vital importance of the question he has put it up to the attorney general.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn has just left California after investigating the industry and it is possible congress will ask him to report.

The present tax is 55 cents and California wine men have feared that, under the war tax provisions, it will be doubled after December.

Signs have been manifest of late that some California wine concerns are planning to quit the business if the tax is increased. They claim that the price of the brandy or spirits used in fortifying the wine of the state would be prohibitive.

Portland, Oct. 30.—Commenting today on a United Press dispatch from Washington stating that the attorney general is to be asked for an opinion regarding the tax to be charged on fortifying brandy and wine spirits after the emergency tax law expires in December, Wm. H. Osborn, commissioner of internal revenue, who is here on an inspection tour, said:

"The original charge on brandy to fortify wine was three cents per gallon and in the emergency tax laws it was placed at 55 cents per gallon. The life of this law expires in December and, under present circumstances it will be necessary to assess a tax of \$1.10 per gallon, the same as on any other spirits. I do not know anything about the request to be made on the attorney general for a ruling, as I have been away from Washington for some time. It is possible, however, that congress will re-enact an emergency tax law at the coming session. This would settle the matter."

WIFE OF FOUR MONTHS SUICIDES BY GAS ROUTE

Portland, Oct. 30.—Temporary insanity, brought on by worry over the condition of her mother, who is ill in Salem, was believed today to have caused Mrs. Rose Bronleewe, 26 years old, a bride of four months, to take her own life late yesterday by inhaling gas. She wrapped a kimono about her head and then arranged a tube so that gas poured under her clothing.

Mrs. Bronleewe returned to Portland Thursday after a long vigil at her mother's bedside.

OREGON DAY.

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Clark, president of the commission, of Portland; John F. Logan, of Portland; R. A. Booth, of Eugene; C. L. Hawley, of McCoy, and W. L. Thompson, of Pendleton, was present to aid the governor in welcoming the state's guests for the day.

Adjutant-General George A. White, of Portland; Col. C. C. Hammond, of Eugene; Lieut.-Colonel B. K. Lawson, of Cottage Grove, and Major William G. White, of Eugene, members of the governor's personal staff, took an active part in the reception following the formal ceremonies.

The social affairs arranged for the governor and Mrs. Withycombe extend until Wednesday.

Tonight the governor will be given a dinner in the New York pavilion by the Oregon commission. Monday night the woman's board will give him a dinner in the California building, to be followed by a formal ball.

Wednesday evening the Oregon commission again entertains for the governor with a dance in the Oregon building.

It is probable the governor, together with the majority of his party, will leave for home next Thursday or Friday.

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DEMAND SALE OF

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cent of the area of Josephine was now paying the taxes for the maintenance of the whole county, the balance, 74 per cent, being in the Siskiyou forest reserve and the O. & C. land grant.

H. D. Norton suggested that the lands be classified and appraised, the surplus over the \$2.50 due the railroad when the lands were sold to be placed in funds for road building, etc. H. L. Gilkey also advanced the classification proposition, but thought that the purchasers should be allowed to get the lands at less than their full values. Mr. Gilkey, however, called attention to the fact that all of these points had been discussed for two days at the Salem conference, which has adopted a resolution calling for their sale at \$2.50 per acre. He strongly opposed the inclusion of any of the lands in forest reserves.

Wilford Allen opposed the classification idea, stating that if the spirit of the Salem conference was followed, the lands would automatically classify themselves, without the expense and delay that would follow

classification by the federal government. He said that the value of the lands over the \$2.50 equity which was conceded to the railroad company belonged to the people, and that it could best be distributed to them through following the terms of the original grant, and the sale of the lands to actual settlers in tracts not greater than 160 acres and at the stated price of \$2.50 per acre. Mr. Allen presented the following resolution endorsing the action of the Salem conference as expressing the sentiment of this district:

"Whereas, more than 50 per cent of the area of Josephine county is now held in forest reserve by the federal government; and

"Whereas, including the 187,000 acres of O. & C. granted lands within the county, 74 per cent of the total area of the county now bears no part in the maintenance of the government of the county by yielding a tax revenue; therefore be it

"Resolved, that the people of Josephine county protest against the adding of any part of the O. & C. land grant to the federal reserve; and be it further

"Resolved, that the citizens of this county endorse the resolutions adopted at the land grant conference held at Salem on September 16, 1915, to the end that the lands may pass into the hands of actual settlers and find their place upon the tax rolls of the county at the earliest possible date."

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by A. A. Porter.

S. W. Williams, of Washington, stated that should the lands be disposed of under the plan outlined in the resolution, classification and appraisal would of course be needless, and the question of what to do with the surplus would be disposed of because there would be no surplus. He said that the United States government claimed no equity in the lands. He placed the present value of the lands at about \$30,000,000.

The resolution was supported by Senator Smith, by Mayor McKinstry and by M. J. Anderson. Mr. Anderson combated the plea that the railroad company was entitled to more than the \$2.50 per acre by showing that they had already sold more than enough lands at a price greater than \$2.50 per acre to pay the railroad taxes over and above the cost of the road.

Jos. Moss and Fred Williams each supported the contention that the title of the Southern Pacific to the lands be confirmed absolutely, and that they be allowed to sell the lands at whatever price they deemed proper. This, they contended, would put the lands at once in the revenue producing class again.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution showed a practically unanimous ballot in its favor.

Mr. Williams, of the department of justice, addressed the meeting,

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thanking the citizens for the courtesy that had been extended during his visit here. He said that at no place he had yet visited had there been manifest the deep interest and concern over the matter of the disposition of the lands of the O. & C. grant that he found in this county, and that nowhere had he and his associate been accorded greater consideration. He said that he appreciated just how vital was this question to the district and recognized the need for prompt action. In all of his travels through the affected counties, he said, he had found only one man who thought that any part of the lands should go into federal reserves. Mr. Underwood said that he fully endorsed all that Mr. Williams had said.

The two gentlemen asked for data bearing upon the question here, and

it is being supplied them. They especially asked concerning persons who have located in past years in good faith upon tracts, and M. J. Anderson has undertaken to supply this information. They left Saturday morning for Medford, where they will continue their investigations.

MORGAN IS RECOVERING FROM RECENT OPERATION

New York, Oct. 30.—J. P. Morgan, who was operated on yesterday for appendicitis, was reported by his office today as "progressing nicely."

Morgan passed a comfortable night and his condition is most satisfactory, his physicians explained. Wall street continued to take the news calmly.

Old newspapers, five and ten cent bundles; at the Courier Office.

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